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# Approximation processes by weighted interpolation type operators

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{N}$  denote the set of all natural numbers. Let  $g$  be a real-valued continuous function on the closed unit interval  $\mathbb{I} = [0, 1]$  of the real line  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $n$ th Bernstein polynomial of  $g$  is defined by

$$(1) \quad B_n(g)(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} t^k (1-t)^{n-k} g\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \quad (t \in \mathbb{I}).$$

It is well known that the sequence  $\{B_n(g)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges uniformly to  $g$  on  $\mathbb{I}$ , and the Bernstein polynomials and their generalizations play an important role in approximation theory (see, e.g., [1], [2], [7], [9], [10]).

In view of these concernments, Balázs [3] introduced and studied several approximation properties of the Bernstein type rational functions defined as follows:

Let  $f$  be a real-valued function on  $[0, \infty)$  and let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and define

$$(2) \quad R_n(f; x) = \frac{1}{(1 + a_n x)^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (a_n x)^k f\left(\frac{k}{b_n}\right) \quad (x \in [0, \infty)),$$

where  $a = \{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $b = \{b_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are suitably chosen sequences of positive real numbers. To compare (1) and (2), setting

$$q_{n,k}(t) = \binom{n}{k} t^k (1-t)^{n-k} \quad (t \in \mathbb{I}, k = 0, 1, \dots, n)$$

and

$$r_{n,k}(x) = \binom{n}{k} \frac{(a_n x)^k}{(1 + a_n x)^n} \quad (x \in [0, \infty), k = 0, 1, \dots, n),$$

we have

$$r_{n,k}(x) = q_{n,k} \left( \frac{a_n x}{1 + a_n x} \right) \quad (x \in [0, \infty), k = 0, 1, \dots, n),$$

and so

$$R_n(f; x) = B_n(f|_{\mathbb{I}}) \left( \frac{a_n x}{1 + a_n x} \right),$$

where  $f|_{\mathbb{I}}$  denotes the restriction of  $f$  to  $\mathbb{I}$ .

In [4], the estimate of the rate of convergence of  $R_n(f; x)$  to  $f(x)$  given in [3] is improved by an appropriate choice of  $a$  and  $b$  when  $f$  satisfies some more restrictive conditions. Furthermore, in [14] the saturation problem is discussed for  $\{R_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and the uniform approximation problem is considered for  $R_n$ -like rational functions defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (3) \quad R_n(B; a; f; x) &= \frac{1}{(1 + a_n x)^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (a_n x)^k f(b_{n,k}) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n r_{n,k}(x) f(b_{n,k}) \quad (x \in [0, \infty)), \end{aligned}$$

where  $B = (b_{n,k})_{0 \leq k \leq n (n=1,2,\dots)}$  is a matrix whose entries satisfy

$$0 \leq b_{n,0} < b_{n,1} < b_{n,2} < \dots < b_{n,n},$$

and  $f$  is a real-valued continuous function on  $[0, \infty)$  for which  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  exists. Note that if

$$a_n = 1 \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}),$$

and if

$$b_{n,k} = \frac{k}{n - k + 1} \quad (0 \leq k \leq n, n \in \mathbb{N}),$$

then (3) reduces to

$$(4) \quad L_n(f)(x) := \frac{1}{(1 + x)^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k f\left(\frac{k}{n - k + 1}\right),$$

which was introduced by Bleimann, Butzer and Hahn [5]. In [15], the saturation properties of the sequence  $\{L_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is established

and it is showed that these operators satisfy an asymptotic relation of the Voronovskaja type, i.e.,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n(L_n(x_0) - f(x_0)) = f''(x_0)x_0(1+x_0)^2$$

if  $f$  is a real-valued continuous function on  $[0, \infty)$  for which  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  exists and the second derivative  $f''(x_0)$  exists at a point  $x_0$ .

Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  be fixed and let  $\mathbb{R}^r$  denote the metric linear space of all  $r$ -tuples of real numbers, equipped with the usual metric

$$d_p(x, y) := \begin{cases} \left( \sum_{i=1}^r |x_i - y_i|^p \right)^{1/p} & (1 \leq p < \infty) \\ \max\{|x_i - y_i| : 1 \leq i \leq r\} & (p = \infty), \end{cases}$$

$$(x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r), y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_r) \in \mathbb{R}^r).$$

The purpose of this paper is to generalize (2) for vector-valued functions on the  $r$ -dimensional first hyperquadrant

$$[0, \infty)^r := \{x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r) \in \mathbb{R}^r : x_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, r\}$$

and to consider their uniform convergence with rates in terms of the modulus of continuity of functions to be approximated. We refer to [13] for details.

## 2. Convergence theorems

Let

$$(X, d) := ([0, \infty)^r, d_p),$$

and let  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed linear space. Let  $B(X, E)$  denote the normed linear space of all  $E$ -valued bounded functions on  $X$  with the supremum norm  $\|\cdot\|_X$ . Also, we denote by  $C(X, E)$  the linear space consisting of all  $E$ -valued continuous functions on  $X$  and set  $BC(X, E) = B(X, E) \cap C(X, E)$ .

Let  $\{n_{\alpha,i}\}_{\alpha \in D}, i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ , be nets of positive integers and let  $\{b_{n_{\alpha,i}}\}_{\alpha \in D}, i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ , be nets of positive real numbers such that

$$\lim_{\alpha} b_{n_{\alpha,i}} = +\infty \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, r).$$

Let  $\{g_{n_{\alpha,i}}\}_{\alpha \in D}$  and  $\{h_{n_{\alpha,i}}\}_{\alpha \in D}, i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ , be nets of nonnegative functions in  $C([0, \infty), \mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\inf\{g_{n_{\alpha,i}}(t) + h_{n_{\alpha,i}}(t) : t \in [0, \infty)\} > 0$$

for all  $\alpha \in D$  and for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ . Then we define

$$F_\alpha(f)(x) = F_\alpha(E; f; x) = \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{(g_{n_{\alpha,i}}(x_i) + h_{n_{\alpha,i}}(x_i))^{n_{\alpha,i}}} \\ \times \sum_{k_1=0}^{n_{\alpha,1}} \sum_{k_2=0}^{n_{\alpha,2}} \cdots \sum_{k_r=0}^{n_{\alpha,r}} \prod_{i=1}^r \rho_{n_{\alpha,i},k_i}(x_i) f\left(\frac{k_1}{b_{n_{\alpha,1}}}, \frac{k_2}{b_{n_{\alpha,2}}}, \dots, \frac{k_r}{b_{n_{\alpha,r}}}\right) \\ (\alpha \in D, f \in C(X, E), x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r) \in X),$$

where

$$\rho_{n_{\alpha,i},k_i}(x_i) = \binom{n_{\alpha,i}}{k_i} g_{n_{\alpha,i}}^{k_i}(x_i) h_{n_{\alpha,i}}^{n_{\alpha,i}-k_i}(x_i) \\ (\alpha \in D, i = 1, 2, \dots, r).$$

From now on let  $K_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ , be compact subsets of  $[0, \infty)$  and we set

$$X_0 = \prod_{i=1}^r K_i.$$

**Theorem 1.** *We define*

$$I_{\alpha,i}(t) = \frac{n_{\alpha,i} g_{n_{\alpha,i}}(t)}{b_{n_{\alpha,i}}(g_{n_{\alpha,i}}(t) + h_{n_{\alpha,i}}(t))} \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, r, t \in [0, \infty)).$$

If

$$\lim_{\alpha} I_{\alpha,i}(t) = t \quad \text{uniformly in } t \in K_i$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ , then

$$\lim_{\alpha} \|F_\alpha(f) - f\|_{X_0} = 0$$

for all  $f \in BC(X, E)$ .

Let

$$(5) \quad a_{n_{\alpha,i}} := \frac{b_{n_{\alpha,i}}}{n_{\alpha,i}} \quad (\alpha \in D, i = 1, 2, \dots, r),$$

and we define

$$(6) \quad T_\alpha(f)(x) = T_\alpha(E; f; x) = \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{(1 + a_{n_{\alpha,i}} x_i)^{n_{\alpha,i}}} \\ \times \sum_{k_1=0}^{n_{\alpha,1}} \sum_{k_2=0}^{n_{\alpha,2}} \cdots \sum_{k_r=0}^{n_{\alpha,r}} \prod_{i=1}^r \rho_{n_{\alpha,i},k_i}(x_i) f\left(\frac{k_1}{b_{n_{\alpha,1}}}, \frac{k_2}{b_{n_{\alpha,2}}}, \dots, \frac{k_r}{b_{n_{\alpha,r}}}\right), \\ (\alpha \in D, f \in C(X, E), x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r) \in X),$$

where

$$\rho_{n_{\alpha,i},k_i}(x_i) = \binom{n_{\alpha,i}}{k_i} (a_{n_{\alpha,i}} x_i)^{k_i} \quad (\alpha \in D, i = 1, 2, \dots, r).$$

**Theorem 2.** *If*

$$a_{n_{\alpha,i}} = o(1)$$

*for*  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ , *then*

$$\lim_{\alpha} \|T_{\alpha}(f) - f\|_{X_0} = 0$$

*for all*  $f \in BC(X, E)$ .

**Remark 1.** (6) generalizes (2) to the  $r$ -dimensional Bernstein type rational vector-valued functions. Also, (3) can be extended by the following form to the  $r$ -dimensional case for vector-valued functions:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\alpha}(f)(x) &= R_{\alpha}(E; \mathcal{B}; \mathcal{A}; f; x) = \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{(1 + a_{n_{\alpha,i}} x_i)^{n_{\alpha,i}}} \\ &\times \sum_{k_1=0}^{n_{\alpha,1}} \sum_{k_2=0}^{n_{\alpha,2}} \cdots \sum_{k_r=0}^{n_{\alpha,r}} \prod_{i=1}^r \binom{n_{\alpha,i}}{k_i} (a_{n_{\alpha,i}} x_i)^{k_i} f(b_{n_{\alpha,1},k_1}, b_{n_{\alpha,2},k_2}, \dots, b_{n_{\alpha,r},k_r}) \\ &(\alpha \in D, f \in C(X, E), x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r) \in X), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathcal{A} = \{a_{n_{\alpha,i}} : \alpha \in D, i = 1, 2, \dots, r\}$$

is a family of positive real numbers and

$$\mathcal{B} = \{b_{n_{\alpha,i},k_i} : 0 \leq k_i \leq n_{\alpha,i}, \alpha \in D, i = 1, 2, \dots, r\}$$

is a family of nonnegative real numbers with

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq b_{n_{\alpha,i},0} &< b_{n_{\alpha,i},1} < b_{n_{\alpha,i},2} < \cdots < b_{n_{\alpha,i},n_{\alpha,i}} \\ &(\alpha \in D, i = 1, 2, \dots, r). \end{aligned}$$

In particular, the operator  $L_n(f)(x)$  defined by (4) is generalized to the  $r$ -dimensional case for vector-valued functions defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} L_{\alpha}(f)(x) &= L_{\alpha}(E; f; x) = \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{(1 + x_i)^{n_{\alpha,i}}} \sum_{k_1=0}^{n_{\alpha,1}} \sum_{k_2=0}^{n_{\alpha,2}} \cdots \sum_{k_r=0}^{n_{\alpha,r}} \\ &\prod_{i=1}^r \binom{n_{\alpha,i}}{k_i} x_i^{k_i} f\left(\frac{k_1}{n_{\alpha,1} - k_1 + 1}, \frac{k_2}{n_{\alpha,2} - k_2 + 1}, \dots, \frac{k_r}{n_{\alpha,r} - k_r + 1}\right) \\ &(\alpha \in D, f \in C(X, E), x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r) \in X). \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Convergence rates

Let  $f \in B(X, E)$  and let  $\delta \geq 0$ . Then we define

$$\omega(f, \delta) = \sup\{\|f(x) - f(y)\| : x, y \in X, d(x, y) \leq \delta\},$$

which is called the modulus of continuity of  $f$ . Obviously,  $\omega(f, \cdot)$  is a monotone increasing function on  $[0, \infty)$  and

$$\omega(f, 0) = 0, \quad \omega(f, \delta) \leq 2\|f\|_X \quad (\delta \geq 0).$$

Also,  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $X$  if and only if

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow +0} \omega(f, \delta) = 0.$$

Furthermore, the convexity of  $d$  and  $X$  yields the inequality

$$\omega(f, \xi\delta) \leq (1 + \xi)\omega(f, \delta)$$

for all  $\xi, \delta \geq 0$  and for all  $f \in B(X, E)$  (cf. [11, Lemma 1], [12, Lemma 2.4]).

We set

$$c(p, r) := \begin{cases} r^{2/p} & (1 \leq p < \infty, p \neq 2) \\ 1 & (p = 2, \infty), \end{cases}$$

and let  $\{\epsilon_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in D}$  be a net of positive real numbers.

**Theorem 3.** For all  $f \in BC(X, E)$ ,  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r) \in X$  and for all  $\alpha \in D$ ,

$$\|F_\alpha(f)(x) - f(x)\| \leq (1 + \eta_\alpha(x))\omega(f, \epsilon_\alpha),$$

where

$$(7) \quad \eta_\alpha(x) = \min\{c(p, r)\epsilon_\alpha^{-2}\theta_\alpha(x), \sqrt{c(p, r)\epsilon_\alpha^{-1}}\sqrt{\theta_\alpha(x)}\}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_\alpha(x) = & \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{b_{n_{\alpha,i}}^2 (g_{n_{\alpha,i}}(x_i) + h_{n_{\alpha,i}}(x_i))^2} \\ & \times \left( (b_{n_{\alpha,i}} x_i g_{n_{\alpha,i}}(x_i))^2 + n_{\alpha,i} g_{n_{\alpha,i}}(x_i) h_{n_{\alpha,i}}(x_i) \right. \\ & + 2b_{n_{\alpha,i}} x_i g_{n_{\alpha,i}}(x_i) (b_{n_{\alpha,i}} x_i h_{n_{\alpha,i}}(x_i) - n_{\alpha,i} g_{n_{\alpha,i}}(x_i)) \\ & \left. + (b_{n_{\alpha,i}} x_i h_{n_{\alpha,i}}(x_i) - n_{\alpha,i} g_{n_{\alpha,i}}(x_i))^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 1.** Let  $a_{n_{\alpha,i}}$  ( $\alpha \in D$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ ) be as in (5). Then for all  $f \in BC(X, E)$ ,  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r) \in X$  and for all  $\alpha \in D$ ,

$$\|T_{\alpha}(f)(x) - f(x)\| \leq (1 + \eta_{\alpha}(x))\omega(f, \epsilon_{\alpha}),$$

where  $\eta_{\alpha}(x)$  is given by (7) and

$$\theta_{\alpha}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{a_{n_{\alpha,i}}^2 x_i^4 + x_i/b_{n_{\alpha,i}}}{(1 + a_{n_{\alpha,i}} x_i)^2}.$$

**Remark 2.** Corollary 1 sharply extends and improves [4, Theorem 1] to the very general settings.

**Theorem 4.** For all  $f \in BC(X, E)$ ,  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r) \in X$  and for all  $\alpha \in D$ ,

$$\|R_{\alpha}(f)(x) - f(x)\| \leq (1 + \gamma_{\alpha}(x))\omega(f, \epsilon_{\alpha}),$$

where

$$\gamma_{\alpha}(x) = \min\{c(p, r)\epsilon_{\alpha}^{-2}\nu_{\alpha}(x), \sqrt{c(p, r)}\epsilon_{\alpha}^{-1}\sqrt{\nu_{\alpha}(x)}\}$$

and

$$\nu_{\alpha}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{k_i=0}^{n_{\alpha,i}} \binom{n_{\alpha,i}}{k_i} \frac{(a_{n_{\alpha,i}} x_i)^{k_i}}{(1 + a_{n_{\alpha,i}} x_i)^{n_{\alpha,i}}} (x_i - b_{n_{\alpha,i}, k_i})^2.$$

**Theorem 5.** For all  $f \in BC(X, E)$ ,  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r) \in X$  and for all  $\alpha \in D$ ,

$$\|L_{\alpha}(f)(x) - f(x)\| \leq (1 + \zeta_{\alpha}(x))\omega(f, \epsilon_{\alpha}),$$

where

$$\zeta_{\alpha}(x) = \min\{c(p, r)\epsilon_{\alpha}^{-2}\psi_{\alpha}(x), \sqrt{c(p, r)}\epsilon_{\alpha}^{-1}\sqrt{\psi_{\alpha}(x)}\}$$

and

$$(8) \quad \psi_{\alpha}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{k_i=0}^{n_{\alpha,i}} \binom{n_{\alpha,i}}{k_i} \frac{x_i^{k_i}}{(1 + x_i)^{n_{\alpha,i}}} \left(x_i - \frac{k_i}{n_{\alpha,i} - k_i + 1}\right)^2.$$

**Remark 3.** By [6, Remark 3] (cf. [8, (6)]), we have the the following more explicit expression for the second (absolute) moment (8) of  $L_{\alpha}$ :

$$\psi_{\alpha}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{(x_i - n_{\alpha,i})x_i^{n_{\alpha,i}+1}}{(1 + x_i)^{n_{\alpha,i}}} + \frac{x_i^{n_{\alpha,i}+1}}{(1 + x_i)^{n_{\alpha,i}}} \sum_{k_i=2}^{n_{\alpha,i}+1} \binom{n_{\alpha,i}+1}{k_i} \frac{x_i^{1-k_i}}{k_i - 1}.$$



**Theorem 6.** For all  $f \in BC(X)$ ,  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r) \in X$  and for all  $\alpha \in D$ ,

$$(9) \quad \|L_\alpha(f)(x) - f(x)\| \leq (1 + \kappa_\alpha(x))\omega(f, \epsilon_\alpha),$$

where

$$\kappa_\alpha(x) = \min\{c(p, r)\epsilon_\alpha^{-2}\sigma_\alpha(x), \sqrt{c(p, r)}\epsilon_\alpha^{-1}\sqrt{\sigma_\alpha(x)}\}$$

and

$$\sigma_\alpha(x) = 4 \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{x_i(1 + x_i)^2}{n_{\alpha,i}}.$$

**Remark 4.** By putting  $\epsilon_\alpha\sqrt{\sigma_\alpha(x)}$  instead of  $\epsilon_\alpha$  in (9), we get the following inequality for all  $f \in BC(X, E)$ ,  $x \in X$  and for all  $\alpha \in D$ :

$$(10) \quad \|L_\alpha(f)(x) - f(x)\| \leq (1 + \min\{c(p, r)\epsilon_\alpha^{-2}, \sqrt{c(p, r)}\epsilon_\alpha^{-1}\})$$

$$\times \omega\left(f, 2\epsilon_\alpha \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^r \frac{x_i(x_i + 1)^2}{n_{\alpha,i}}}\right).$$

In particular, if  $p = 2, \infty$ , then (10) reduces to

$$\|L_\alpha(f)(x) - f(x)\| \leq (1 + \min\{\epsilon_\alpha^{-1}, \epsilon_\alpha^{-2}\})$$

$$\times \omega\left(f, 2\epsilon_\alpha \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^r \frac{x_i(x_i + 1)^2}{n_{\alpha,i}}}\right),$$

which generalizes the estimate given by Khan [8, Theorem 1].

**Remark 5.** We set

$$M(x) = \max\{p_i(x)(1 + p_i(x))^2 : i = 1, 2, \dots, r\} \quad (x \in X).$$

Then (10) yields the following estimate for all  $f \in BC(X, E)$ ,  $x \in X$  and for all  $\alpha \in D$ :

$$(11) \quad \|L_\alpha(f)(x) - f(x)\| \leq \left(1 + \min\left\{\frac{4c(p, r)M(x)}{\epsilon_\alpha^2}, \frac{2\sqrt{c(p, r)}\sqrt{M(x)}}{\epsilon_\alpha}\right\}\right) \omega\left(f, \epsilon_\alpha \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{n_{\alpha,i}}}\right),$$

which particularly reduces to

$$\|L_\alpha(f)(x) - f(x)\|$$

$$\leq \left(1 + \min\left\{\frac{4M(x)}{\epsilon_\alpha^2}, \frac{2\sqrt{M(x)}}{\epsilon_\alpha}\right\}\right) \omega\left(f, \epsilon_\alpha \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{n_{\alpha,i}}}\right)$$

if  $p = 2, \infty$ .

**Remark 6.** If

$$n_{\alpha,i} = n_\alpha \quad (\alpha \in D, i = 1, 2, \dots, r),$$

where  $\{n_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in D}$  is a net of natural numbers, then by (11) we obtain the following estimate for all  $f \in BC(X, E)$ ,  $x \in X$  and for all  $\alpha \in D$ :

$$(12) \quad \|L_\alpha(f)(x) - f(x)\| \leq \left(1 + \min\left\{4rc(p, r)M(x), 2\sqrt{rc(p, r)}\sqrt{M(x)}\right\}\right) \omega\left(f, \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_\alpha}}\right).$$

In particular, if  $p = 2, \infty$ , then (12) reduces to

$$\|L_\alpha(f)(x) - f(x)\| \leq \left(1 + \min\left\{4rM(x), 2\sqrt{r}\sqrt{M(x)}\right\}\right) \omega\left(f, \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_\alpha}}\right).$$

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